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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Suzanne Dino Barrett

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: on page 5, line 19, "compontentry" should be changed to --componentry--; page 7, line 5, "advance" should be --advanced--; page 11, line 6, it appears that "Figure 2" should be --Figure 6--.

Appropriate correction is required.

2. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because in lines 3,5,6,11 and 13, "beck" should be changed to --beak--. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Objections

3. Claim 9 is objected to because of the following informalities: in line 3, "beck" should be --beak--. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1,2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by either Braginetz 3,025,693.

Braginetz teaches a lock mechanism including a lock body 12, a rotatable lock beak 22 biased to a first extended position by spring 88, the beak 22 engaging a hook of a strike 16 as the hook engages in the lock body 12, wherein the beak rotates to a second retracted position against the spring bias 88 and operating members 70,30 within the lock body operable by external actuators 32,34 to independently move the beak from the first position to the second position and one operating member 34 retains the beak in the first position and wherein the lock includes means to prevent the other operating member from retaining the beak in the first position.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 3-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The prior art of record fails to teach the deadlocking slide and connected shoot bolts with engagement means to engage the operating members and prevent operation of the external actuators as claimed.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Note, especially, the lock structure of Tucker 3,177,687, Wartian 2,810,284 and 3,040,555, Tanaka 4,050,272 (slide 48).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Suzanne Dino Barrett whose telephone number is 703-308-0825. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 8:30-7:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Will can be reached on 703-308-3870. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SDB', followed by a hash symbol '#'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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